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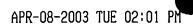
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PATENT 5000-74400/TT1441

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Freitag, et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION VIA

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted as a proposed amendment as discussed between Examiner Nguyen and Applicants' Attorney during a telephone interview on April 8, 2003.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11 and 14 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing the proposed changes is included herewith on separate sheets.